

U-shaped rocker defining a fulcrum for a primary prying foot which is comprised of four staple engaging fingers, and wherein a second end comprises a large radius bend defining a second fulcrum and a secondary prying surface with said primary prying foot and secondary prying surface being provided for with an integral V-groove nail puller geometry, and wherein said shank contains nail puller detail comprising a hole of diamond shaped geometry formed substantially through said thickness of said shank of said universal staple and nail pulling tool.

Claim 2 (original)

2. The universal staple and nail pulling tool of claim 1 wherein said plurality of staple engaging fingers in said prying foot are formed by geometry including clearance notches whereby each said staple engaging finger measures .250" in width and each said clearance notch measures .250 " in width.

Claim 3 (original)

3. The universal staple and nail pulling tool of claim 2 wherein each of the four said staple engaging fingers arranged on said primary prying foot are beveled on their outermost edge facilitating easier placement under staple bridge.

Claim 4 (original)

4. The universal staple and nail pulling tool of claim 3 wherein two center said staple engaging fingers on said primary prying foot are bent downward or otherwise displaced toward base of said primary prying foot.

Claim 5 (currently amended)

5. A staple and nail removal tool comprised of an "L" shaped flat bar having a length, a width, and a thickness wherein the major longitudinal axis of said "L" shaped flat bar defines

a shank and the base of said "L" shaped flat bar defines a prying foot wherein said prying foot of said staple and nail removal tool is provided with a "V" groove nail pulling detail integral to a plurality of staple pulling fingers and wherein a segment of said longitudinal axis of said flat bar which defines said shank is radiused in a plane parallel to said longitudinal axis with said radius defining a fulcrum used as a secondary prying surface when used in conjunction with a secondary second nail pulling detail.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

6. The staple and nail removal tool of claim 5 wherein major longitudinal axis of said "L" and said prying foot on said base of said "L" intersect at an angle of approximately 97 degrees.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

7. The staple and nail removal tool of claim 6 wherein width of said base of said prying foot is gradually increased to form a wider footprint starting from the approximate-point of intersect between said major longitudinal axis and said prying foot and continuing to the extreme end of said prying foot and wherein width of said shank of said longitudinal axis gradually increases to form a wider footprint for said secondary second nail pulling detail starting at a point approximately 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from said base of said "L" and continuing to secondary second nail pulling detail an end of said major longitudinal axis of said "L" shaped flat bar.

Claim 8 (currently amended)

8. The staple and nail removal tool of claim 7 wherein thickness dimension of said base of said prying foot is gradually reduced starting from said point of intersect between said major longitudinal axis and said prying foot and tapering down to approximately 50% of said

thickness at said extreme end of said prying foot and wherein thickness of said shank of said staple and nail removal tool is reduced at a point ~~approximately~~ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " from said base and tapering to ~~approximately~~ 50% of said thickness at end of said major longitudinal axis of said "L" shaped flat bar staple removal tool.

Claim 9 (currently amended)

9. A nail and staple removing tool comprising an elongated flat steel bar defines an "L" shaped shank having a cross sectional dimension of approximately 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick wherein said flat steel bar has a front face, a back face, a grip end an integral rocker portion and a foot end wherein said "L" shape in combination with said rocker serves as a fulcrum for the staple pulling foot and wherein said rocker is formed by the intersecting geometry of two opposing radius' which substantially join said foot end to said grip end of said shank and wherein said grip end of said shank contains a "V" groove nail puller at it's extreme end and whereby a portion of said grip end is formed to a large diameter radius defining a fulcrum used in conjunction with said "V" grooved nail puller and wherein said foot end of said nail and staple removing tool comprises a combination nail and staple pulling detail whereby a "V" grooved nail puller is an integral part of said ~~plurality of~~ staple pulling fingers nail and staple pulling detail.